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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Reissue Application of:

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Serial No.: 10/614,808 Group Art Unit: 2186

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For: EXTERNAL STORAGE CONTROL DEVICE AND DATA  
TRANSFER METHOD BETWEEN EXTERNAL STORAGE  
CONTROL DEVICES

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)  
UNDER § 1.97 AND § 1.98

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Sir:

February 15, 1006

1. This IDS should be considered:

(a) when filed within three months of the filing date of the present application, or within three months of the filing date of the National Stage as set forth in § 1.491 in an international application, or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever occurs last;

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3. Listing of the information submitted is on the attached Form PTO-1449, which forms a part of this IDS. A copy of each listed document is enclosed.

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6. If the PTO determines that part(s) of the required content is inadvertently omitted, then it is requested that

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REISSUE**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

* EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE (If Appropriate)
	AA	5,802,345	09/1998	N. Matsunami et al.			
	AB						
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

		DOCUMENT	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
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	AL	7-271521	1995	JAPAN (w/U.S. 5,802,345 equivalent patent see above)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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